1. In Our Mothers' House ***(2009) By*** Patrica Polacco

Genre:Fiction

Age: 5years and up

This is a story about a married lesbian couple who adopts three children. The story is written from the little girls’ perspective, her memories and how wonderful it was to grow up with two loving parents. The holidays they shared and most of all that a family is love, not who raises you. The controversy around this book is that fact that three adopted children are being raised by a same sex couple. The reviews state that this book is too risky for young children and should be kept out of our school libraries. The history of this book is that it has been band from many school libraries but not public libraries.

http://www.rainbowrumpus.org/grown-ups/book-review-our-mothers-house-patricia-polacco

2. The Stupids Have a Ball (1984) By Harry G. Allard

Genre: Fiction

Age: K and up

This is a story about a family who celebrates their children's failing grades. They decided to invite their relatives over for a costume party to celebrate their lack of effort to even try in school. The controversy around this book is the use of the word "stupid" and that they are celebrating their failures. This book has been on and off the literary censorship in public schools since the 1950's throughout the 1985 and challenged again in the past 10 years. This book has had many negative reviews along with the other books in this series.

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/147716.The\_Stupids\_Have\_a\_Ball

3. Where The Wild Things Are (1963) By Maurice Sendak

Genre: Fantasy

Age: K and up

This story is about a little boy is dressed like a wolf and will not calm down, the mother sends him to his room and he throws a temper tantrum. He is sent to his room with out dinner and "runs away" to a land of wild things. The controversy surrounding this picture book is that use of fictional creators which some saw as witch craft and the young child's behavior towards his mother. This book was banned at first and received negative reviews but as the years have gone on it has made the top 100's children's literary review and received Caldecott Medal in 1964.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Where\_the\_Wild\_Things\_Are

5. Daddy's Roommate (1994) By Michael Willhoite

Genre: Fiction

Age: 4 and up

This story takes place from the son's point of view. It begins with his parents divorce and his daddy's "new roommate". This book was written to explain to children that families can come in many different forms. The controversy behind this book is daddy's new friend, leaving a marriage for a same sex partner. This book was banned from school and public libraries in the 1990's by community members who claimed the book was lost after taking the book out of the library. In the 1990's this book got a lot of negative reviews but since the 2000's its received more positive reviews.

https://sites.google.com/site/thesisactivities/daddy-s-roommate

6. Rose Blanche (1985) Christophe Gallaz

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age: Second and up

This a story that takes place during World War II through the eye of a non-Jewish girl who sees a little boy getting arrested by the Nazi's and taken to the concentration camp in the woods. She brings the prisoners food until one day she is shot and killed. The controversy behind this book is that it's not for young children. The critics suggest that its for older children who know something about the holocaust. this book got nothing but positive reviews for how it was written and that it teaches young children courage and strength.

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/830051.Rose\_Blanche

7. The Story of Babar (1937) Jean De Brunhoff

Genre: Fiction

Age: 4 and up

The story of Babar is about an elephants adventures after his mother is killed by hunters. He travels to the city, gets a new look, marries his cousin and becomes king. The controversy behind this story is that some view this as a colonialis

m or socialist view point. The review on this story throughout the decades is one that children and adults love this story and most do not see the things that are politically incorrect. This book was never banned from libraries, but there is a group of people who do not agree with this story.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0394805755?ie=UTF8&tag=mytwbo-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=0394805755

8. The Five Chinese Brothers (1996) By: Claire Huchet Bishop

Genre: Fiction

age: 4 and up

this story is about five brothers who use their special powers to save the first brother from being executed. The story is clever, funny and a joy to read. The controversy behind this book is it can be considered politically incorrect, racial stereotypes and violence. This story was banned for a short period of time in the 1990's in California public schools but since then has been brought back. The reviews for this story were mostly positive except for the few groups of people who found this story politically incorrect.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0394805755?ie=UTF8&tag=mytwbo-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=0394805755

9. The Lorax (1971) By: Dr. Seuss

Genre: Fantasy

Age: 6 and up

This is a story about saving the environment, waste not water nor air. What happens if we run out of clean air or clean water. The story is told by the Once-ler a world that had clean air and water, now this world they have to use processed clean air and water. The controversy around this story is that at the time when it was written there was no worries about the diminish of our natural resources. The fact that humans could diminish our resources. This book has never been censored or banned but did have some controversy behind it. The reviews all show that young or old everyone enjoys The Lorax and many other Dr. Seuss books.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0394805755?ie=UTF8&tag=mytwbo-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=0394805755

10. Smoky Night (1999) Eve Bunting

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Age: K and up

This story is based on the L.A. riots, a boy and his mother are forced out of their apartment during riots. This book tries to bring many races together especially African-Americans and Koreans. The controversy behind this story is the violence and that just by saying "Can't we all just get along" we should all get along and under playing racism and anger between the races. This book was banned from some school libraries but not public libraries. The reviews were mixed but most of the reviews state that the story plays out nicely, written well and bright colors.

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/616833.Smoky\_Night

11. Bud no Buddy (1999) by: Christopher Paul Curtis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Age: 3rd-8th

Bud Not Buddy is about a little African-American boy during the early 1930's who was left as an orphan and raised in an  orphanage because his mother died and he didn't know his father. A family finally adopts him and treats him beyond horrible, he runs away to find who he thinks his father might be and ends up finding his grandfather. Throughout the story he ends up touching hearts around him while going on adventures and traveling with his grandpa who plays in a jazz band.  The reviews put out on this book show both children you and old really enjoy reading this funny, yet sensitive story. The controversy was in the earlier years and was removed from public schools but remained on the public libraries.  You can find this book in public schools now.

http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/bud-not-buddy-discussion-guide